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GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

SHRI SRI PRAKASA.



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- 2 SRI A. B. SHETTY, *Minister in charge of Medical and Public Health.*
- 3 SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM, *Minister in charge of Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries, Cinchona, Rural Welfare, Community Projects and National Extension Schemes.*
- 4 SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM, *Minister in charge of Finance, Food and Elections, Education and Information and Publicity.*
- 5 SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU, *Minister in charge of Religious Endowments and Registration.*
- 6 SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER, *Minister in charge of Veterinary, Animal Husbandry and Harijan Welfare.*
- 7 DR. U. KRISHNA RAO, *Minister in charge of Industries and Labour, Transport, Settlement of Ex-servicemen, Co-operation and Housing.*
- 8 SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER, *Minister in charge of Land Revenue and Commercial Taxes.*
- 9 SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR, *Minister in charge of Courts and Prisons and Legal Department.*
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- 11 SRI K. RAJARAM, *Minister in charge of Local Administration.*
- 12 SRIMATHI JO. HI VENCATACHELLUM, *Minister in charge of Prohibition and Women's Welfare.*

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

Speaker.

SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI.

Deputy Speaker.

SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU.

Panel of Chairmen.

- 1 SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR.
- 2 SRI A. RAMASWAMY TEVAR.
- 3 SRI V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM.
- 4 SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN.

Secretary to the State Legislature.

SRI R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR, B.A., M.L.

Assistant Secretaries to the Assembly.

- 1 SRI A. J. SABESA AYYAR, M.A.
- 2 SRI P. K. HARIHARA AYYAR, B.A.

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LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WITH THEIR CONSTITUENCIES.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
1 Adityan, S. T.	Tiruchendur—General.
2 Ahmed Kutty, C.	Kottakkal.
3 Aiyandar	Nilakkottai—Reserved.
4 Anandan, L.	Kallakurichi—Reserved.
5 Anantha Pai, T.	Udipi.
6 Antony Peter	Manapparai.
7 Anthony Pillai, S. C. C.	Choolai, Madras City.
8 Appu, A.	Chevayur.
9 Aranganathan, K.	Gingee.
10 Ari Gowder, H. B.	Nilgiris—General.
11 Ardhanareswara Gounder, K. S.	Edapadi.
12 Ardhanari, T. S.	Tiruchengode—General.
13 Arumugam, R. S.	Tirunelveli—Reserved.
14 Arumugam, S.	Tiruchengode—Reserved.
15 Arumugam, S. R.	Tiruppur—Reserved.
16 Arumugam, V.	Tiruchendur—Reserved.
17 Ayyaru, A.	Jayankondan—Reserved.
18 Balakrishnan, V.	Pudukkottai.
19 Bhakthavatsalu Naidu, B.	Arkonam.
20 Bomman, K. H.	Nilgiris—Reserved.
21 Chadayan, M.	Malappuram—Reserved.
22 Chellapandian, S.	Cheranmahadevi.
23 Chellathurai, P.	Tiruvadanai.
24 Chengam Pillai, O.	Ponneri—Reserved.
25 Chinnakaruppa Thevar, S.	Melur—General.
26 Chinnasami Naidu, V. S.	Vadamathurai.
27 Chinnathambi Thevar	Alangulam.
28 Chinnayya, V.	Tirumayam—Reserved.
29 Chitrambalam, Dr., G.	Srivangam.
30 Chokkalingam, P.	Ambasamudram.
31 Chokkalingam Chettiar, AR. A. RM.	Karaikudi.
32 Dharmalinga Nayakar, V.	Cheyar.
33 Dasarathan, D.	Wandiwash—Reserved.
34 Deivasigamany, S.	Kancheepuram.
35 Dharmalingam, M.	Tiruvallur—Reserved.
36 Doraiswami Gounder, A.	Harur—General.
37 Elumalai, T. P.	Saidapet—Reserved.
38 Fernandez, W. J.	Nominated.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
39 Gajapathi Reddy, K.	Ponneri—General.
40 Ganapathy, T.	Palavoor.
41 Gopala Gounder, V.	Melmalayanur.
42 Gopalakrishnan, P. K.	Nattikka.
43 Gopala Menon, N.	Ponnani—General.
44 Gopalan, K. P.	Payyanur.
45 Gopalan Unni, K. C.	Mannarghat.
46 Govindan, G.	Paramakudi.
47 Govindasamy Nayagar, A.	Vikravandi.
48 Govindaswamy Naidu, V.	Tiruvallur—General.
49 Hanumantharaya Gounder, A. K.	Vaniyambadi.
50 Ishwara, K.	Puttur—Reserved.
51 Jagannatham, H. M.	Vellore—Reserved.
52 Jagannathan, M.	Tindivanam—Reserved.
53 Jayarama Reddiyar, S.	Aruppukottai.
54 Jeevanandam, P.	Washermanpet, Madras City.
55 Kaliannan, T. M.	Rasipuram.
56 Kalyanasundaram, M.	Tiruchirappalli (North).
57 Kandasamy, C.	Mannargudi—General.
58 Kandasamy Gounder, P.	Velapady.
59 Kandaswami Kander, M.	Mecheri.
60 Kandasamy Padayachi, M.	Ulundurpet.
61 Kandaswami Gounder, S.	Pennagaram.
62 Kannan, V. K.	Arni.
63 Kanaran, C. H.	Tellicherry.
64 Karuthiruman, P. G.	Nambiyur—General.
65 Kattimuthu, M.	Vridhachalam—Reserved.
66 Kempai Gounder, M. K.	Mettupalayam.
67 Kolkebail, S. S.	Brahmawar.
68 Koran, O.	Alathur—Reserved.
69 Kosalram, K. T.	Satankulam.
70 Krishna Ayyar, V. R.	Kuthuparamba.
71 Krishnamurthy Gounder, D.	Krishnagiri.
72 Krishnan, R.	Alathur—General.
73 Krishna Rao, The Hon. Dr. U.	Harbour, Madras City.
(Minister).	
74 Krishnasamy Ayyangar, P. S.	Manamathurai.
75 Krishnasamy Padayachi, V.	Bhuvanagiri.
76 Krishnaswami Naidu, R.	Edirkottai.
77 Kunhan, E. T.	Ponnani—Reserved.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
78 Kunhi Mohamed Shafee, K.	Perintalmanna.
79 Kunhirama Kidav, P.	Perambra.
80 Kunhirama Kurup, C.	Quilandy.
81 Kuppuswami, R.	Madukkarai.
82 Kuttikrishnan Nair, The Hon. Sri K. P. (<i>Minister</i>).	Kozhikode.
83 Lakshmana Gounder, S.	Salem—Rural.
84 Lakshmipathy Naicker, K. S.	Ottanchattram.
85 Madanagopal, V.	Vedasandur.
86 Madhavan Nambiar, K.	Mattanur.
87 Mahalingam, N.	Pollachi—General.
88 Mangala Gounder, M. P.	Palni.
89 Manickasundaram, M.	Karur—General.
90 Manickavelu Naicker, The Hon. Sri M. A. (<i>Minister</i>).	Polur.
91 Manickam, P. G.	Nambiyur—Reserved.
92 Manjaya Shetty, Y.	Coondapoor.
93 Marimuthu, M.	Tanjore—Reserved.
94 Masilamani Chettiar, A. K.	Vellore—General.
95 Menon, Dr. K. B.	Trithala.
96 Mogral, M. S.	Kasaragod.
97 Mahamed Salih Maracair	Arantangi.
98 Moidu, K.	Badagara.
99 Mookiah Thevar	Periakulam—General.
100 Mottayan, M.	Mudukulattur—Reserved.
101 Mounaguruswamy Naidu, N.	Udamalpet.
102 Muni Reddy, M.	Hosur.
103 Munisami Gounder, K. G.	Ranipet.
104 Munisamy Pillay, M. S.	Dindigul.
105 Munuswamy Gounder, P. M.	Uddanapalli.
106 Muthiah Chettiar, Raja M. A.	Tiruppattur (Ramanathapuram).
107 Muthiah Pillai, C.	Sirkali.
108 Muthu, V.	Periyakulam—Reserved.
109 Muthukumaraswamy, M. C.	Nannilam—Reserved.
110 Muthukumaraswamy Naidu, T. D.	Tirukkoyilur—General.
111 Muthuramalinga Thevar, U.	Mudukulathur—General.
112 Muthuswami, A.	Tirukkoyilur—Reserved.
113 Muthu Thevar, B. R. M.	Nilakkottai—General.
114 Nadimuthu Pillai, V.	Pattukkottai.
115 Nagarajan, V. R.	Villupuram.
116 Nalla Gounder, P. S.	Gobichettipalayam.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
117 Nallasamy, B. K.	Bhavani.
118 Nallasivam, K. R.	Kodumudi.
119 Nanjappa, O. A.	Harur—Reserved.
120 Narayana Kurup, M.	Ottapalam.
121 Narayana Nambiar, M.	Hosdrug.
122 Narayana Nambiar, T. C.	Taliparamba.
123 Narayanasamy Naidu, G.	Aduturai.
124 Nataraja Mudaliar, R. A.	Kalasapakkam.
125 Pakkirisami Pillai, S.	Perambur, Madras City.
126 Padmaprabha Gounder, M. K.	Wynaad—General.
127 Pais, L. C.	Mangalore.
128 Palaniyandi, M.	Ariyalur.
129 Palaniappan, R. M.	Tirumayam—General.
130 Palanimuthu, M.	Perambalur—Reserved.
131 Palanisami, N. K.	Uthukuli.
132 Palaniswami Gounder, The Hon. Sri V. C. (<i>Minister</i>).	Tondamuttur.
133 Palanisami Gounder, V. K.	Koilpalayam.
134 Panchaksharam, S.	Arcot.
135 Paramasivam Udayar, N.	Perambalur—General.
136 Parameswaran, B.	Madurantakam—Reserved.
137 Parthasarathy, K.	Kallakurichi—General.
138 Periasami, M. P.	Namakkal—Reserved.
139 Radakrishnan, S.	Panruti.
140 Raghava Mudaliar, E. L.	Tiruppattur.
141 Raju, D. K.	Srivilliputtur—General.
142 Rajachidambaram, P. B. K.	Lalgudi.
143 Rajagopal, N.	Manachanallur.
144 Rajagopala Gounder, P. R.	Dharmapuri.
145 Rajam Ramasami, C.	Mylapore, Madras City.
146 Rajan, P. T.	Cumbum.
147 Rajaram, The Hon. Sri K. (<i>Minister</i>).	Tirumangalam.
148 Raju, K. T.	Erode.
149 Rama, T. K.	Madurai (South).
150 Ramachandran, M. R.	Tirupporur.
151 Ramachandra Reddiar, A.	Tiruvannamala—General.
152 Ramakrishna Ayyar, N.	Saidapet—General.
153 Ramakrishnan, K.	Palghat.
154 Ramalingam, S.	Tanjore—General.
155 Ramamurthi, P.	Madurai (North).
156 Ramasamy Doss, K.	Koilpatti.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
157 Ramasamy, K. V.	Namakka!—General.
158 Ramasamy Kander, N. C.	Chengam.
159 Ramaswamy Mudaliar, V. K.	Uthiramerur.
160 Ramasamy Naidu, S.	Sattur.
161 Ramasamy Padayachi, S. S.	Cuddalore—General.
162 Ramasamy Tevar, A.	Tiruchirappalli (South).
163 Ramasundara Karunalaya • Pandian, A.	Sankaranainarkoil—General.
164 Rangasamy Naidu, P. S.	Tiruppur—General.
165 Rangasamy Gounder, R.	Paramathi.
166 Rangasamy Reddiar, P.	Turaiyur.
167 Rathina Gounder, N.	Aravakurichi.
168 Ratnam, A.	Cuddalore—Reserved.
169 Rathinaswami Pillai, P.	Omalur.
170 Roche Victoria, J. L. P.	Tuticorin.
171 Sahajananda, A. S.	Chidambaram—Reserved.
172 Sambandam, A. M.	Triplicane, Madras City.
173 Sambandam, K. R.	Mayuram—General.
174 Sambasivam, A.	Talavasal.
175 Samia Koorayar, G.	Saliangalam.
176 Sankaranarayana Menon, V.	Pattambi.
177 Sankara Varma Raja, E. K.	Nadapuram.
178 Sannasi, T. V.	Karur—Reserved.
179 Seethi Sahib, K. M.	Malappuram—General.
180 Selvaraj, P.	Vilathikulam.
181 Senapathy Goundar, A.	Dharapuram.
182 Shanker, M. G.	Nanguneri.
183 Shanmuga Rajeswara Sethupathi, The Hon. Raja Sri (Raja of Ramnad) (<i>Minister</i>).	Ramanathapuram.
184 Shanmugam, T.	Sriperumbudur.
185 Shetty, The Hon. Sri A. B. (<i>Minister</i>).	Karkal.
186 Shanmugam, K.	Virudunagar.
187 Sivaprakasam, V. S.	Melur—Reserved.
188 Sivaraj, N.	Nagapattinam—General.
189 Sivashanmugam Pillai, J. (<i>Speaker</i>).	Thousand Lights, Madras City—Reserved.
190 Somasundara Goundar, S.	Wandiwash—General.
191 Somayajulu, S. N.	Tirunelveli.
192 Soundaram Ramachandran, Dr. Srimathi T. S.	Authoor.
193 Sridharan, K. T.	Cannanore.

Serial number and name of member.	Name and class of constituency.
194 Subbaraj, A. S.	Uthamapalayam.
195 Subbiah, A. K.	Mannargudi—Reserved.
196 Subramaniam, The Hon. Sri C. (Minister).	Coimbatore.
197 Subramaniam, M. P.	Attur.
198 Subramania Pillay, I. K.	Tenkasi.
199 Subramania Nayakar, M.	Sholinghur.
200 Suvarna, N. N.	Mulki.
201 Swamikannu, S.	Vridhdhachalam—General.
202 Swaminathan, R. V.	Sivaganga.
203 Swayamprakasam, S.	Papanasam.
204 Thangavelu, R.	Tiruvannamalai—Reserved.
205 Thangavelu, S. P.	Masiri.
206 Thiagaraja Pillay, M. D.	Nannilam—General.
207 Thinakaranasami Thevar, S.	Sedapatti.
208 Thirumurthi, P. K.	Pollachi—Reserved.
209 Uppi, K.	Tirur.
210 Urkavalan, P.	Sankaranainarkoil—Reserved.
211 Vadivelu, S.	Nagapattinam—Reserved.
212 Vagheesam Pillay, G.	Chidambaram—General.
213 Vaikunta Baliga, B.	Panemangalore.
214 Vaikuntam, A.	Srivilliputtur—Reserved.
215 Varadan, T. R.	Kumbakonam.
216 Varadarajulu Naidu, Dr. P.	Salem Town.
217 Veloo, A.	Mayuram—Reserved.
218 Velukkan, C.	Wynaad—Reserved.
219 Venkatasubba Reddi, O.	Madurantakam—General.
220 Venkatesha Sholagar, P.	Nidamangalam.
221 Venkatrama Ayyar, S.	Adirampattanam.
222 Venkatramana Gowda, K.	Puttur—General.
223 Venkataswamy Naidu, The Hon. Sri K. (Minister).	Thousand Lights, Madras City—General.
224 Venugopala Gounder, M.	Tindivanam—General.
225 Venugopalakrishnaswamy	Kadambur.
226 Vinayakam, K.	Chingleput.
227 Virupakshiah, S. C.	Kollegal.
228 Viswanathan, K. R.	Jayankondan—General.
229 Vacant	Gudiyatham—General.
230 Vaccant	Gudiyatham—Reserved.
231 Palaniswami Gounder, K. G.	Kangayam.

ADDRESS BY SHRI SRI PRAKASA, GOVERNOR OF MADRAS,
TO THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND
THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ASSEMBLED
TOGETHER AT THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, GOVERN-
MENT ESTATE, MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS, AT 11 A.M.
ON MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 1954.

Monday, 22nd February 1954.

The Governor on arrival was received at the main porch of the Legislative Assembly Building by the Speaker (the Hon. Sri J. Sivashanmugam Pillai), the Chairman (the Hon. Dr. P. V. Cherian), the Secretary to the Legislative Assembly and the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

The Governor was led in a procession by the Secretary to the Assembly and the Secretary to the Council and the Speaker and the Chairman and conducted to the dais.

The arrival of the Governor was announced to the Members by the Assistant Secretary and they stood up as the Governor entered the Chamber. The Members sat down after the Governor had taken his seat on the dais. The Speaker sat on the right side of the Governor and the Chairman on his left.

The Governor then delivered the following address :—

“ Hon'ble Members of the Legislature,

‘ It gives me great pleasure to address you again, after an interval of about one year. The Andhra State has come into existence in the meanwhile, and many of our erstwhile colleagues have departed from us, to form their own separate Legislature at Kurnool. I am happy that all apprehensions were belied and the parting was smooth and easy. Let us take this occasion to extend to them, our best wishes in the building up of the State, they had longed for for years.

‘ I am fully aware of the desire of large sections in certain border areas of Chittoor district, to rejoin the parent State. The Government are looking into the matter and will try to reach a satisfactory settlement, in co-operation with the Andhra Government. It has, however, to be remembered that administrative boundaries cannot always coincide with linguistic grouping and aspirations. Peace and harmony can be maintained on either side, only if the educational and other amenities justly due to minorities are respected.

‘ Nature has been kind to us during the year, and we have had a welcome break in the run of adverse seasons. Barring a few isolated pockets, agricultural prospects are generally fair. Paddy crops have, however, been affected to some extent, by pests in a few districts. Our Agricultural Department is doing its best to minimise the loss by popularising the use of pesticides, by the inducement of substantial subsidies.

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' The improvement in seasonal conditions has reduced our dependence on imported food to a considerable extent. We have been able to lift the control on the movement of wheat and millets completely. The Government of India have agreed to meet our deficit to the extent of 2½ lakhs tons of rice, the bulk of which will come from Andhra. We may therefore hope to meet our commitments on the food-front, with greater confidence in the ensuing year. The poorer sections of the people must feel immensely relieved by the fall in prices of essential food articles.

' Even though our immediate anxieties regarding food are relieved, we have to find more permanent remedies for the future. With this view, the implementation of our irrigation programme is being stepped up to the last limit of our resources. In taking up new irrigation projects, Government will take all care to prevent any prejudice to the existing ayacuts. The Bhavani Project is nearing completion; and trained staff and equipment from that work, are being shifted to Manimuttar, Malampuzha and other projects, with a view to speed them up. Execution has commenced on the new Amaravathi and Vaigai reservoirs, and sanction may soon be accorded for schemes to utilize the surplus waters of the Ponnai. The programme of tank restoration is being accelerated, and several small irrigation schemes are also being taken up as a part of the Grow More Food drive.

' The scope for new irrigation is unfortunately limited not only by Finance but also by the non-availability of sufficient water to fill in new reservoirs. Our further efforts to grow more food should turn increasingly towards raising the yield from existing cultivation. That is the main emphasis of the Community Projects and the National Extension Services now being organized in different parts of the State. Village guides will endeavour to assist cultivators in every way, and in particular will demonstrate to them how improved seeds and intensive manuring can produce surprisingly good results. With the co-operation of the people, these services can be extended over a fourth of the State by 1956.

' The scheme of Local Development Works, recently initiated by the Government with the assistance of the Planning Commission, has been received with enthusiasm in rural areas. I am glad to note that villagers come forward in large numbers to utilize the part-grant from the Government for satisfying their long felt needs in village-wells, pathways, culverts, schools, etc. It is the intention to continue this beneficent scheme for some more years to come so as to enable the people to play a direct part in the betterment of their living conditions.

' With the lifting of famine conditions, it has become possible to earmark larger funds for the extension of electricity to rural areas. The scheme by which villagers were expected to find the capital for rural extensions, has been given up and the department is now taking up these extensions at an increased pace. With a view to meet the over-all power shortage, the capacity of the

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Madras Thermal Plant is being augmented; and it is proposed to sanction a new Hydro-electric project making use of the Periyar waters. The storage in our reservoirs is adequate for power generation this year and, therefore, there may not be any power-cut this season.

Investigations in South Arcot, into the feasibility of mining the lignite deposits, have been encouraging. Work on the pilot project is being accelerated with the aid of machinery placed at our disposal under the Technical Co-operation Agreement with America. The Government are examining how the capital and organization required for exploitation on a commercial scale can be set up.

The plight of handloom weavers has not improved to any appreciable extent in the absence of an adequately protected market for their goods. The Government of India have been unable to accept in full, our recommendation for reservation of certain categories of cloth for the handloom. They have, however, earmarked some funds collected as cess on mill cloth, to be utilized for popularising handloom products. Schemes for utilizing these funds, the most important of which is to subsidize the consumption of handloom goods, are being evolved and will be implemented soon. These schemes may bring in some relief, but we may have to press for radical measures, to sustain this important cottage industry.

The general agrarian situation was a source of considerable anxiety to the Government. You are aware of the steps recently taken to stabilize the situation in Malabar, South Kanara and the Chidambaram taluk of the South Arcot district. The Government hope that these measures and the moratorium for one year recently granted to agriculturists all over the State, will go a long way to restore contentment. I appeal to all to work these measures with understanding and goodwill.

For the better enforcement of prohibition, the Government have recently decided to transfer the work completely to the Police. Special prohibition squads under the control of the Inspector-General of Police, are being organized to check the abuses practised by anti-social elements. The Government are aware that a social reform of this kind cannot be brought into general acceptance without the fullest co-operation of the people and that even then, there will be always some people who will take advantage of the legal prohibition for making private gain through illicit practices. As long as we are convinced that the measure is good for the common man of this poor country, we should not lose faith half-way, merely because a few dare to infringe the law for private gain and tempt the weak. I would take this opportunity to appeal to you and to the people at large of the State, to give the Government their best support in this noble endeavour.

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The separation of the Judiciary from the Executive, has been further effected in the districts of Malabar, South Kanara and Tanjore. It is hoped that this reform can be completed in the State before very long.

The welfare of Harijans and backward classes continues to receive the highest priority on the resources of the State. The provision for scholarships and boarding grants has been recently increased. A new scheme is now under consideration by which it is proposed to provide Harijans of as many villages as possible with a community centre where they can assemble for social and recreational purposes.

In the matter of elementary education, the Government propose to start schools in all villages with a population of one thousand and more where there are no schools at present. We may have to open 1,270 new schools in the ensuing academic year. The Central Advisory Board of Education has at its recent session, confirmed the recommendations of the Parulekar Committee in respect of the modified scheme introduced in this State. The Government is examining the financial implications and proposals will no doubt be discussed in the Legislature in due course.

The Health and Medical Services of the State continue to receive the careful attention of the Government. It is hoped that a new medical college may be inaugurated at Madurai at the commencement of the next academic year in July. An All-India training centre for rural Health Officers has been opened at the Poonamallee Health Unit, with the assistance of the Ford Foundation. Men trained at this Centre will soon be available in large numbers, for intensive work in the Community projects and other rural welfare activities. The Government are now considering what steps have to be taken to make it possible to speed up the grant of assistance to Municipalities, for the implementation of Urban Water-supply and Drainage schemes.

It is proposed to introduce legislation during this session, pertaining to the following matters:—

(a) Elections to District Boards should have been completed before 1st April 1954. Because of our preoccupations, with partition, it was not possible to conduct these elections. The term of Special Officers may therefore have to be extended up to the 30th June next, and this requires legislation. In the meanwhile, the Government are considering how the different local bodies in the State should be reorganized to serve the people best.

(b) The Madras High Court has invalidated certain marriages celebrated according to the "Swayamariyathai" principles. Consequently the children born in such wedlock have become illegitimate. The Government propose to bring in legislation to remove this legal disqualification.

(c) The Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act has been found defective in some respects, and certain enabling amendments may soon come up for legislation.

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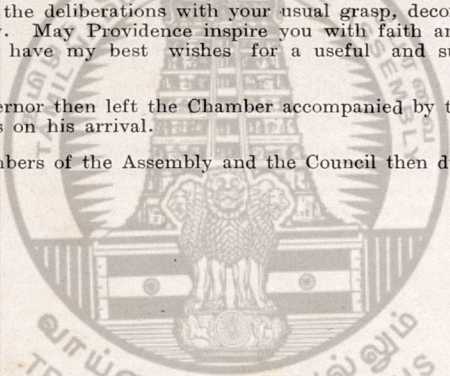
(d) The Cattle Trespass Act has become inadequate under present-day conditions. Some amendments to make it more effective, have become essential. The necessary Bill can be passed in this session.

(e) The Electricity Undertakings Acquisition Act has been recently held invalid by the Supreme Court. Some electrical enterprises have already been acquired and compensated for, under this Act. After considering the full judgment which has not yet been received, it may be necessary to enact revalidating legislation as expeditiously as possible.

' This is essentially a Budget session to consider the demands for grants for the ensuing year. The Finance Minister in his speech will deal with those aspects of the administration which affect the Finance of the State. I have no doubt that you will conduct the deliberations with your usual grasp, decorum and responsibility. May Providence inspire you with faith and confidence. You have my best wishes for a useful and successful session.' "

The Governor then left the Chamber accompanied by the same procession as on his arrival.

The Members of the Assembly and the Council then dispersed.



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